ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A device, system, and method for managing the duration of system management mode (SMM). The device includes an indicator configured to indicate when the computer system is in a first operating mode, a first timer configured to indicate a duration in which the indicator is active, and control logic coupled to receive the duration from the first timer. The control logic is configured to provide a control signal upon the duration reaching a predetermined value. The computer system includes a processor and the device coupled to the processor. The method includes determining if the computer system is in a first operating mode and initiating a first timer if the computer system is in the first operating mode. The method also includes determining if the first timer has reached a predetermined value and asserting a control signal if the first timer has reached the predetermined value.